

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An air bag device for a motorbike, the air bag device comprising:
an air bag configured for being deployed and inflated in the event of a motorbike frontal collision;
a holder ~~for the air bag~~ having an interior space; and
a portion of the air bag adapted and configured for being mounted to the motorbike outside the interior space of the holder to minimize interference with the motorbike as the air bag is deployed and inflated; and
an intermediate portion of the airbag extending outside the interior space of the holder and between the holder and the airbag portion configured for being mounted to the motorbike so that the intermediate portion is exposed along the motorbike.
2. (Previously presented) The air bag device of claim 1 wherein the air bag includes another portion that is contained in the holder that is inflated prior to the portion configured for being mounted outside the holder upon air bag deployment.
3. (Original) The air bag device of claim 1 wherein the air bag includes another portion that is contained in the holder, with the air bag portions being folded differently from each other.

4. (Currently amended) An air bag device for a motorbike, the air bag device comprising:
an air bag configured for being deployed and inflated in the event of a motorbike frontal collision;
a holder for the air bag;
a portion of the air bag adapted and configured for being mounted to the motorbike outside the holder to minimize interference with the motorbike as the air bag is deployed and inflated; and
~~The air bag device of claim 1 including~~ fasteners for securing the air bag portion to the motorbike to minimize shifting thereof with impact of the driver thereagainst.
5. (Previously presented) The air bag device of claim 1 wherein the air bag portion is folded to have a generally elongate configuration extending across the motorbike to substantially ensure air bag deployment and inflation in an area adjacent thereto.
6. (Original) The air bag device of claim 1 wherein the air bag portion includes a cover separate and spaced from the holder that opens upon air bag deployment.
7. (Previously presented) The air bag device of claim 6 wherein the cover includes a protective cloth and a cover member having a frangible portion thereof.
8. (Currently Amended) The air bag device of claim 6 wherein the airbag portion is configured for being mounted to a handle bar of a motorbike, and the

cover is configured to generally match that of the handlebar to which the air bag portion is mounted.

9. (Previously presented) The air bag device of claim 1 wherein the holder is sized and configured to contain another portion of the air bag with the air bag portion outside the retainer allowing the holder to be minimized in size.

10. (Original) The air bag device of claim 1 in combination with the motorbike with the motorbike including a handlebar to which the air bag portion is mounted.

11. (Currently amended) A motorbike including an air bag device, the motorbike comprising:

a body including a handlebar;

a seat for a driver;

an air bag for being deployed and inflated in a predetermined driver protection area forwardly of the seat in the event of a motorbike frontal collision;

a retainer having an interior space for storing at least a first portion of the air bag therein; and

a second portion of the air bag disposed outside the retainer interior space that is mountable to the handlebar body generally adjacent the driver protection area so as to be reliably deployed and inflated therein.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The motorbike of claim ~~12~~ 11 wherein the handlebar has an elongate configuration with the airbag portion mounted to extend therealong.

14. (Currently amended) ~~The motorbike of claim 12 wherein~~ A motorbike including an air bag device, the motorbike comprising:

a body;

a seat for a driver;

an air bag for being deployed and inflated in a predetermined driver protection area forwardly of the seat in the event of a motorbike frontal collision;

a retainer for the air bag; and

a portion of the air bag disposed outside the retainer that is mountable to the body generally adjacent the driver protection area so as to be reliably deployed and inflated therein;

wherein the body includes a handlebar to which the air bag portion is mounted so that interference therewith upon air bag deployment and inflation is kept to a minimum, and the handlebar includes a top surface portion with the air bag portion mounted to the handlebar top surface portion.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) A motorbike including an air bag device, the motorbike comprising:

a body;

a seat for a driver;

an air bag for being deployed and inflated in a predetermined driver protection area forwardly of the seat in the event of a motorbike frontal collision;

a retainer for the air bag; and

a portion of the air bag disposed outside the retainer that is mountable to the body generally adjacent the driver protection area so as to be reliably deployed and inflated therein.

~~The motorbike of claim 11~~ wherein the retainer is sized to store the entire air bag therein with the air bag portion drawn out therefrom for mounting to the body.

17. (Currently amended) The motorbike of claim 11 wherein the retainer is sized to contain ~~another~~ the first portion of the air bag therein with the air bag second portion to be mounted to the ~~body~~ handlebar remaining outside the retainer to allow the retainer to be minimized in size.

18. (New) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the airbag portion configured for being mounted to the motorbike has a longer width extending across the motorbike than the exposed intermediate portion of the airbag.

19. (New) The airbag device of claim 1 including an inflator in the interior space of the holder.

20. (New) The motorbike of claim 11 wherein the airbag includes an intermediate portion extending between the first and second portions of the airbag and being exposed along the motorbike body.

21. (New) The motorbike of claim 20 wherein the second portion of the airbag has a longer width extending across the body than the intermediate portion of the airbag.

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22. (New) The motorbike of claim 11 including an inflator in the interior space of the retainer.